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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Office Action mailed 7/5/2006 has been reviewed and the comments of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have been considered.

Species Election

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect species Group I corresponding to claims 7-12.